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**Letter dated 5 September 2007 from the Permanent
Representative of Moldova to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the comments of the Ministry of Reintegration of the Republic of Moldova on the situation in the security zone of the Republic of Moldova (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27.

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Permanent Representative



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Comments of the Ministry of Reintegration of the Republic of Moldova on the situation in the security zone of the Republic of Moldova

5 September 2007

The Reintegration Ministry of the Republic of Moldova is deeply concerned that the situation in the security zone has been continuously deteriorating over the last months. The numerous incidents and infringements taking place, first of all, in the Dubasari region are raising concern as they seriously violate the human rights and encroach on the regime in the security zone.

The committed infringements are mainly related to the restriction of the right to free movement of citizens, goods and services — a right stipulated in article 5 of the 21 July 1992 ceasefire agreement — and to the impediment of the activity of educational institutions. The administration of Dubasari city and Igor Mazur personally bear the entire responsibility for these infringements. The aggressive actions undertaken by Mr. Mazur and his Tiraspol backers against ordinary citizens can by no means be justified. Under the circumstances, Mr. Mazur is personally responsible for the consequences of the continuous violation of fundamental human rights and freedoms and for the destabilization of the situation in this part of the security zone.

The Reintegration Ministry has repeatedly sent appeals, requests and claims to the mediators and international observers in the Transnistrian settlement process, as well as to the Joint Control Commission, urging them to undertake the measures necessary to stabilize the situation and ensure free movement in the security zone. The Government of the Republic of Moldova is strongly committed to ensure the observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the region, but the lack of any progress in this respect and the discontent of the civil society force it to identify a new solution to overcome the created situation. The interest of mediators, international observers and competent institutions in the security zone in remedying this situation, in abolishing threats to stability and security and in preventing the further worsening of the situation is what the Government relies on.
